

Westward Expansion

U.S. History and Government



Homework Packet

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1. How did conflict develop between Spanish settlers and Native Americans in the Southwest?
2. What role did the Mountain Men play in westward expansion?
3. What difficulties and opportunities awaited migrants to the west?
4. What long-term effects did the introduction of horses and firearms have on Native Americans in the West?
5. Who might have agreed with the idea of Manifest Destiny? Who might have disagreed?
6. If you were a poor farmer in 1850, would you have chosen to join a wagon train to the West? Why or why not?

Vocabulary & Terms – Identify and state the significance of each of the following.

Expansionist	
Manifest Destiny	
Santa Fe Trail	
Oregon Trail	
Brigham Young	

Chapter 9, Section 2 p. 305-310

Texas and the Mexican-American War

1. What issues led Anglo-Texans and Tejanos to seek independence from Mexico?

2. Using the discussion point on page 307 answer the following questions:
 - a. Why did Polk think annexation would promote peace?

 - b. Why did Clay think annexation would lead to war?

 - c. What decision would you have made? Why?

3. What compromise did the United States and Britain reach regarding the Oregon Territory?

4. What advantages did the United States have in the Mexican-American War?

Vocabulary & Terms – Identify and state the significance of each of the following.

Stephen F. Austin	
autonomy	
Alamo	
Sam Houston	
James K. Polk	
Zachary Taylor	

Chapter 9, Section 3 p. 311-315

Effects of Territorial Expansion

1. How did the Mexican-American War serve to heighten tensions over slavery?

2. What do you think was the most important long-term result of the Mexican-American War? Explain.

3. What problems did forty-niners face in California gold fields?

4. What kind of businesses do you think sprang up in San Francisco as a result of the Gold Rush?

5. What impact did the settlement of California have on Mexicans already living there?

Vocabulary & Terms – Identify and state the significance of each of the following.

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo	
Gadsden Purchase	
Wilmot Proviso	
forty-niners	

Chapter 7, Section 4 p. 249-254

Democracy and the Age of Jackson

1. How did Jackson respond to his defeat in the 1824 presidential election?

1. How did President Jackson view nullification?
2. How was the Nullification Crisis avoided?
3. What did Jackson think of the second Bank of the United States?
4. How did the attack on the second Bank of the United States lead to the formation of the Whig Party?
5. Who succeeded Jackson in the White House, and what happened to him?

Vocabulary & Terms – Identify and state the significance of each of the following.

Tariff of Abominations	
John C. Calhoun	
nullification	
Whig	

Chapter 15, Section 2 p. 496-504

Westward Expansion and the American Indians

1. What three circumstances hurt Native Americans?
2. Study the map on page 499. Why do you think reservations were located where they were?
3. Why did tensions exist between settlers and Indians?
4. What rebellions ended major Indian resistance?

5. How did Native Americans try but fail to keep their land?

6. Why do you think it was difficult for assimilated Native Americans to be accepted by their own cultures?

7. How did the Dawes Act change the way Indians were treated?

Vocabulary & Terms – Identify and state the significance of each of the following.

Reservations	
Sand Creek Massacre	
Sitting Bull	
Battle of Little Big Horn	
Chief Joseph	
Wounded Knee	

Chapter 15, Section 3 p. 505-512

Transforming the West

1. How did the discovery of natural resources contribute to the settlement of the West?

2. What were the two major phases of mining?

3. How did the government encourage the development of a transcontinental railroad?

4. How did the railroads contribute to the growth and prosperity of the West?

5. How did the railroad affect the cattle industry?

6. Why did farmers move to the Plains?

7. What were some of the causes of prejudice and discrimination in the West?

Vocabulary & Terms – Identify and state the significance of each of the following.

vigilante	
transcontinental railroad	
land grant	
open-range system	
Homestead Act	
Exoduster	